

14. (amended) The ink according to claim 4, containing a 1,2-alkylene glycol having from 4 to 10

carbon atoms in an amount of 0% to 10% by weight based on the weight of said ink.

15. (amended) The ink according to claim 4, containing an acetylene glycol surfactant in an amount of 0% to 5% by weight based on the weight of said ink.

16. (amended) The ink according to claim 4, containing at least one substance represented by formula (2) below in an amount of 0% to 10% by weight based on the weight of said ink:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having from 4 to 10 carbon atoms, which may be branched, a cycloalkyl group or a phenyl group; EP represents an ethyleneoxy group and/or a propyleneoxy group; and m represents an average number of the repeating units.

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20. (amended) The ink according to claim 4, wherein said ink is for ink jet recording.

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